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1. "In August 1953 in the entire country a change of identity cards was announced. From then on everybody had to have a passport. The old 'Liczna Karta' ceased to be valid after 16 Aug 53. The new passports had to be picked up by all citizens 14 years old and over.

2. "The new passport is a document which serves as an identity card, the old adresen bilet (home registration) and labor book. Each trip taking more than three days from the place of permanent residence must be entered into the book. Also, each change of residence and address must be noted.

3. "The passport is a small book about 12 by 18 cms. It has a green cover on which is printed 'Narodna Republika Balgaria' and the present coat of arms; under it the word Passport is written. On the first two pages, inside, is a picture, signature of the holder, date and place of birth, education, occupation and full biography. Passports are valid for five years. 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] go to the county militia offices for new passports. [redacted] have the old Liczna Karta, birth certificate, work certificate and three or four pictures. [redacted] 50X1-HUM [redacted] A militiaman was receiving and checking documents and then issuing a number with the date when one had to call for a passport. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

5. [redacted] members of the Party had another kind of passport [redacted]

6. "When the new passports were issued, they returned the birth certificates and the labor certificates. The old cards were kept by the militia."

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